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In the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph 0020, Page 4 to read as follows:

[0020] With reference initially to FIGS. 1-3, one embodiment of a manifold **10** includes an elongate tubular body **12** having a first longitudinal port **14** and an opposing second longitudinal port **16** for providing fluid flow through the body along a longitudinal axis **18**. The elongate tubular body **12** may include a first effluent retention portion **20** and a first conduit portion **22**. As illustrated herein by way of example for a thin walled embodiment herein, the conduit portion **22** has a girth **23** less than that of the retention portion **20**. For the embodiment herein described by way of example, the manifold **10** also includes second and third retention portions **24**, **26**, respectively, and a second conduit portion **28**. As is apparent to one skilled in the art and as detailed later in this section, an inner cross sectional area of the tubular body **12** for the retention portions **20**, **24**, **26** is greater than the inner cross section area of the tubular body for the conduit portions **22**, **28**.

Please amend Paragraph 0021, Page 4 to read as follows:

[0021] With ~~reference~~ continued reference again to FIGS. 1-3 and to FIG. 4, a first transverse port **30** is positioned between the first and second longitudinal ports **14**, **16** for providing a transverse fluid flow from the first effluent retention portion **20**. The first transverse port **30** has an axis **32** within a plane of and generally orthogonal to the longitudinal axis **18**. As herein described by way of example for the embodiment described, second and third transverse ~~port~~ ports **34**, **36**, respectively are positioned between the first transverse port **30** and the first and second longitudinal ports **14**, **16** for providing a an alternate transverse fluid flow from the second and third retention portions **24**, **26**, the second and third transverse ports **34**, **36** having ~~an~~ axes **38**, **40** respectively within the plane of and generally orthogonal to the longitudinal axis **18**.

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In the Drawings:

Please replace previously filed formal drawing sheets 6/7 and 7/7 with the attached Replacement Sheets 6/7 and 7/7 including FIGS. 10, 11 and 12. Annotated Marked-up Drawing sheets 6/7 and 7/7 are attached to clearly illustrate modifications made to FIGS. 10, 11 and 12. Fig. 10 is amended to more clearly include a cross-sectional view of the manifold embodiment herein described to include opposing ribs (42, 44) as described by way of example in Paragraph 22, line 3. Dimension symbols are added to appropriate dimension numerals in FIG. 12. Dimensions and abbreviations for drain field (D/F), septic tank (S/T) and centerline (C/L) have been removed for clarity. No new matter is added by these amendments.